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ISSUES

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 3181, B) EC BRUSSELS 3267,  
C) EC BRUSSELS 3227, D) GENEVA 2515,  
E) REAMS-CASEY TELECON OF APRIL 5, 1977

1. DURING THEIR APRIL 5 COUNCIL MEETING THE EC FOREIGN  
MINISTERS APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR EC NEGOTIATORS ATTENDING  
THE APRIL 6 PARIS G-8 MEETINGS BUT PUT OFF UNTIL THE MAY 3  
COUNCIL ALL DECISIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE CIEC ISSUES, IN ORDER  
THAT SPECIFIC ISSUES MIGHT BE REFERRED, IF NECESSARY, TO  
THE DOWNING STREET SUMMIT.

2. UK PERMDEL OFFICIAL PHILIP MORRICE, WHO BRIEFED MISSION  
OFFICER ON RESULTS OF APRIL 5 DISCUSSIONS, INDICATED THAT  
THE FRG LIFTED ITS RESERVE ON THE PRINCIPLE OF "SPECIAL  
ACTION" BUT CONTINUED TO INSIST UPON A MORE CONDITIONAL EC  
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APPROACH TO SUCH AID (ACCORDING TO AN FRG SOURCE,  
WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT  
A SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAM PROBABLY WILL BE NECESSARY IN  
ORDER TO GET A GOOD FINAL RESULT IN CIEC BUT CONSIDERS  
IT INOPPORTUNE TO MAKE THIS CLEAR TO LDCE IN ADVANCE).  
THERE WAS, IN ANY CASE, NO AGREEMENT ON EITHER THE SIZE  
OF A SPECIAL ACTION PACKAGE (THE UK PRESIDENCY HAD

PROPOSED \$1 BILLION AND THE EC COMMISSION \$2 BILLION)  
OR ON THE KEY TO BE USED FOR DETERMINING BURDEN SHARING.  
MORRICE SAID THAT EC NEGOTIATORS IN THE PARIS G-8  
MEETINGS WILL THEREFORE BE ABLE TO INDICATE ONLY THAT  
THE NINE ARE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON SPECIAL ACTION AND  
THAT SUCH ACTION SHOULD BE FOR A "SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT."  
(WE RECOGNIZE SOURCE VIEWS ABOVE ARE NOT CONSISTENT BUT  
OUR FRG SOURCE INDICATES COUNCIL DISCUSSION ENDED  
AMBIGUOUSLY ON THIS POINT AND THAT COMMUNITY REPS AT  
G-8 WILL NEED TO DECIDE THEMSELVES ON HOW FAR THEY  
CAN GO.)

3. MORRICE SAID THAT THE FRG DID OBTAIN AGREEMENT,  
DURING THE COUNCIL, TO MORE POSITIVE WORDKING TO THE  
EFFECT THAT STABEX MIGHT BE PART OF A CIEC SETTLEMENT ON  
THE COMMODITIES SIDE. AN FRG OFFICIAL ADDS THAT STABEX  
WILL BE TH SUBJECT OF URGENT EC STUDIES OVER NEXT FEW  
WEEKS.

4. MORRICE INDICATED THAT DISCUSSION OF THE COMMON  
FUND WAS CONFINED TO A REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF THE  
JUST-CONCLUDED GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. HINTON

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